

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have reviewed and considered the Final Office Action mailed on August 9, 2007, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 31-40 are new. Claim 24 has been cancelled. Claims 5, 6, 8, and 23 have been amended. Claims 3-8, 22, 23, 25, 27, and 31-40 are now pending in this application.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for her favorable consideration of Claims 24 and 25, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten to incorporate the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. To advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have rewritten claim 24 in independent form by incorporating all of the limitations of claim 24 into the base claim 8. The Applicant also has rewritten claim 25 in independent form as new claim 31. New claims 32-39 depend on claim 31 and, thus, should be allowable without additional search or examination. Likewise, new claim 40 incorporates all of the limitations formerly included in claims 24 and 25 and should be allowable without additional search or examination.

The Applicants believe that these amendments place the application in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

If a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is required, the petition is herewith made. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment made with this Office Action, to Deposit Account Number 50-0326.

In light of all the foregoing, believing that all things raised in the Office Action have been addressed, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and passage of the application to issue. If the Examiner would care to discuss any remaining matters by phone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 214.758.6641.

Respectfully submitted,



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